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THORNBURGH NAMED AMERICAN SWISS FOUNDATION YOUNG LEADER

Kansas Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh will represent Kansas at the American Swiss Foundation's 2001 Young Leaders Conference in Switzerland. The exchange will be held in Bad Ragaz, which is one-hour southeast of Zurich. The conference will begin on June 15th and end on June 24th.

During the conference, Secretary Thornburgh and other participants will discuss vital issues of the day with high-level Swiss government officials; also attending will be business, media, and cultural leaders. The goal is for American participants to be able to see Switzerland from the inside, to catch a glimpse of the characteristics the Swiss society and political institutions offer. The annual exchange is the American Swiss Foundation's 2001 Young Leaders Conference, now in its twelfth year, and is a major undertaking of the institution.

"My Visit to Switzerland will build on our already sound relations with the Swiss government and people. When two great countries come together with such a shared history, the knowledge and ideas exchanged enhance this great partnership," stated Thornburgh.

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Ron Thornburgh is the 29th Kansas Secretary of State. Ron currently serves as President-elect of the National Association of Secretaries of State. Ron is a native of Burlingame. He graduated from Washburn University in 1985. Ron, his wife Annette and sons Grey and Tanner live in Topeka.